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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO REPORT CRIMES
OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNDER THE UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING
SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, uniform crime reports were established in the late
2 1920s by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and
3 this initiative subsequently led to the Uniform Crime Report
4 program under the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of
5 Investigation; and

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7 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, the Research and Statistics Branch of
8 the Department of the Attorney General is the federally-
9 designated Statistical Analysis Center for crime-related data
10 and directs the state uniform crime reporting program; and

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12 WHEREAS, under the Uniform Crime Reporting program, the
13 Federal Bureau of Investigation compiles data from states on
14 every incident and arrest in Group A offenses that consist of
15 forty-six specific crimes in twenty-two offense categories; and

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17 WHEREAS, law enforcement has admitted to the Legislature
18 that the classifications of crimes and offenses have not changed
19 over time; and

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21 WHEREAS, most recently, the Federal Bureau of Investigation
22 has announced that it will start reporting crimes of animal
23 cruelty as a separate offense in the National Incident Based
24 Reporting System, which is the source for the data in the
25 Uniform Crime Report; however, this decision came only after
26 over a decade of lobbying by animal rights groups and a
27 recommendation by the National Sheriffs' Association; and

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29 WHEREAS, there is currently no classification in the
30 Uniform Crime Reporting program for crimes or offenses of
31 domestic violence; and

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33 WHEREAS, this body finds that it would be beneficial to
34 have statistical data on crimes and offenses of domestic
35 violence so that policymakers can make educated decisions on



1 resources that should be directed toward domestic violence; now,
2 therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,
6 that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is requested to
7 consider reporting crimes and offenses relating to domestic
8 violence under the Uniform Crime Reporting program; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal Bureau of
11 Investigation is requested to develop parameters for crimes and
12 offenses relating to domestic violence for the purpose of having
13 them reported under the Uniform Crime Reporting program; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Research and Statistics
16 Branch of the Department of the Attorney General work with the
17 Federal Bureau of Investigation to pursue the reporting of
18 crimes relating to domestic violence as a separate Group A
19 offense; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of the Attorney
22 General work with the county police departments to develop an
23 annual report to provide statistics of crimes and offenses
24 relating to domestic violence in Hawaii; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of the Attorney
27 General report to the Legislature on its efforts and progress
28 made in designating crimes and offenses relating to domestic
29 violence as reportable offenses under the Uniform Crime
30 Reporting program, no later than twenty days prior to the
31 convening of each Regular Session; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Resolution be transmitted to the Federal Bureau of
35 Investigation, Governor, Department of the Attorney General,
36 Chief of Police of each county, and the members of the
37 Congressional delegation for the State of Hawaii.
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